



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, September 13, 2007

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 13, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Activity Center, 3451 Rivard, Detroit, Michigan 48207.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell, II **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

AC Ralph Godbee
AC Robert Dunlap
DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman
DC Daniel Oneill
DC Joyce Motley
DC Chester Logan
DC Jamie Fields
DC Marshall Lyons
2nd DC James Tate
2nd DC John Clark
Cmdr. Leo Powers
Cmdr. Walter Long
Cmdr. Dwight Hudson
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Troy Quinn
Cmdr. Craig Schwartz
Cmdr. Jan Johnson
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr. James Tolbert
Lt. Jeffrey Romeo
Lt. Timothy Anderson

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Sgt. Shirley Joyner
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Erin Stephen-Bell
Sgt. Michael Carpenter
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Joseph Dabliz
P.O. Leroy Huelsenbeck
P.O. Joel Tomaszewski
P.O. Anna Hamilton
P.O. Ernie Harris
P.O. LaShawn Peoples
P.O. Karen Miller
P.O. Denise Walker
P.O. Darrius Alvin
P.O. Eric Hill
P.O. Ronald Lach
P.O. Melanie Armstrong
P.O. Timothy Simon
P.O. Darryl Chappell
P.O. Jill Browning
Sr. Id. Tech. Theresa Howze

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director (**ABS**)
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise Hooks, Attorney/ Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Claudia Seldon | Chris Walker |
| Bobbie Nelson | Rose Swanson |
| Janese Chapman | Barbara Hunt |
| Betty Lattimore | Marvin Petty |
| Yolanda McCants | Fred McCants |
| Tony Simonetta | Stephen Weber |
| Alma Stallworth | Dora Hatcher |
| Terence K. Mantis | Ed Boguszewski |
| Michael Lynch | Paul Meisnitzer |
| James Neal | |

RECORDERS

Terence Bell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:40 p.m.

Chairperson Ramirez thanked Father Norman P. Thomas and the Sacred Heart Activity Center for hosting the community meeting.

Comm. Holley read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, September 13, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, September 6, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

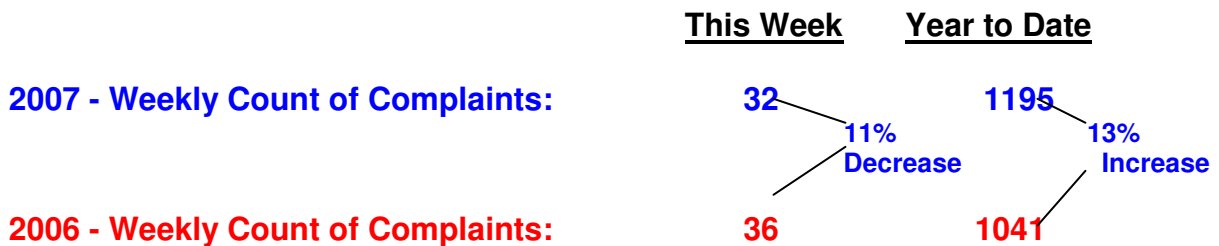
VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,089 active investigations, of which 755 are for 2007.

| Total | COMMAND | ALLEGATIONS | | | | | Total |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| CCR | W/E 9/13/07 | Demeanor | Force | Harassment | Procedure | Service | Allegations |
| 4 | CENTRAL | 1 | | | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 3 | EASTERN | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 2 | NARCOTICS | | 2 | | | | 2 |
| 1 | NORTHEASTERN | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | NORTHWESTERN | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| 2 | TACTICAL | 2 | | | 2 | | 4 |
| 2 | TCRU | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| 9 | Unknown | 5 | 3 | | 6 | 1 | 15 |
| 4 | WESTERN | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| 32 | | 13 | 6 | 1 | 19 | 9 | 48 |

Chairperson Ramirez asked Chief Inv. Sheard to explain the compliant process at the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI).

Chief Inv. Sheard stated that the role of the OCI is to receive and investigate all complaints concerning harassment, force, and procedure and other forms of alleged misconduct concerning police officers and civilians who work for the department. They investigate non-criminal matters within 45 days by City Charter and within 60 days by the Consent Decree. These investigations are forwarded to the Board for review.

Chairperson Ramirez stated for any citizen who wants to make a compliant, feel free to go to the Office of the Chief Investigator located at 2111 Woodward, on the 8th floor, or call at (313) 596-2499.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of September 3, 2007 through September 9, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement** executed **21 search warrants** and **54 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 41 Felony arrests
 - 84 Misdemeanor arrests
 - 5 Juveniles detained
 - 69.40 grams of cocaine, 13.8 grams of heroin, 7,044.20 grams of marijuana and 21 pills with a total street value:
 - \$ 80,986.80
 - \$ 21,222.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 17 Handguns

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On September 3rd, officers of the Northeastern District apprehended a subject wanted for (1) Robbery Armed, (2) Larceny from Person, and (3) Habitual 4 Degree.



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.



Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Hours of Operation</u> | <u>Telephone</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 2151 E. Jefferson | 24 Hours | 596-6400 |
| 7737 Kercheval | 8 a.m.-8 p.m. | 852-4778 |
| 13206 E. Jefferson | 8 a.m.-8 p.m. | 852-5759 |
| 19810 Grand River | 8 a.m.-8 p.m. | 935-5322 |
| 13530 Lesure | 8 a.m.-8 p.m. | 596-5300 |
| 12000 Livernois | 24 Hours | 237-2555 |

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Special points of interest:

- Next meeting:
Thursday, September 20, 2007
@ 3:00 P.M.
Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St. suite 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Police / Community Intervention

SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



On September 5th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 3000 block of Iroquois on a "Person With a Weapon." Subsequent to the subjects arrest, a warrant submitted by Domestic Violence, charged the subject with (1) Assault with Intent to Rob/Armed, (2) Unlawful Imprisonment, (3) Carrying a Dangerous Weapon with Unlawful Intent, (4) Felonious Assault, (5) Domestic Violence, and (6) Habitual 3rd Degree.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On September 3rd, officers of the Southwestern District conducted a traffic investigation. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) Assault with Intent to Murder, (2) Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm, and (3) Felony Firearm.



NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On September 5th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 8000 block of Southfield Freeway on an "Assault." As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with (1) Felonious Assault, (2) Aggravated Assault, (3) Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm, and (4) Habitual Offender 3rd Degree.



WESTERN DISTRICT

On September 5th, officers of the Western District patrolling the 15000 block of Livernois observed a subject attempt to break into a business. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Attempt Breaking & Entering, (2) Attempt to Disarm a Police Officer, and (3) Habitual 2nd Degree.



AC Dunlap stated that the Chief couldn't be here tonight, because of the passing of her mother-in-law. He introduced all of the Deputy Chiefs, Commanders, Lieutenants, and DC Logan of the Northeastern District.

DC Logan introduced Cmdr. Bettison and Cmdr. Hudson as the future of the police department, and the Community Relations Officers of the Northeastern District. He stated that the Northeastern district has seen a major reduction in crime and theft.

Cmdr. Bettison gave a presentation on copper wire theft.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Chairperson Ramirez asked if the department receives cooperation from the metal processors.

Cmdr. Bettison stated that some cooperation is good, and some is not so good.

Comm. Holley stated he would like to know what the punishments are for those getting caught.

Cmdr. Bettison stated they have been working very closely with the prosecutor's office. They have also dedicated a prosecutor just for the Northeastern District to deal with the copper theft situation. In the beginning, they were being charged with a misdemeanor. Now they are being charged with a felony. Before the educational component they were receiving probation, and now they are receiving actual jail time.

Comm. Holley asked how much jail time are offenders receiving.

Cmdr. Bettison stated it depends on how many times they have been caught. A first-timer will receive probation. After the fourth time they are being held over for court.

Comm. Holley stated after the fourth time, the City would be bankrupt.

AC Dunlap stated that this issue is a high priority on the department's list. But the prosecution part is up to the courts and the judges. The commander and the task force are working with 36th District Court on the impact that copper theft is having on the community.

Comm. Holley stated his concern is that someone needs to be having dialogue with the judges on this issue.

He stated that maybe the laws are outdated. He asked if you still get two years in jail for carrying an unlicensed gun.

AC Dunlap stated yes.

Comm. Holley stated after a while, two years seems like a nice vacation because the person has gotten use to it. He stated the department should ask for help if they need someone to communicate to the prosecutor's office when a copper thief has been arrested.

AC Dunlap stated to Comm. Holley that they will provide him with all of the people who have been arrested for copper theft.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it would be interesting to know what judges heard those cases.

M. Lynch stated he is the head of security for DTE Energy and they also have concerns about the sentencing. He stated that Cmdr. Bettison and the task force have done a tremendous job as it relates to this issue. Their mission is to provide the City of Detroit with quality electricity, but that can't happen if copper is being stolen from the poles. It is unsafe and extremely dangerous. Copper theft has cost them six (6) to seven (7) million dollars in the last twelve months which is passed along to the customer.

Comm. Holley stated it has cost you six (6) to seven (7) million dollars just in Detroit.

M. Lynch stated that's correct, and they have offered the community a \$1,000 reward for any individual that is arrested for stealing DTE's copper wire.

Comm. Holley asked does DTE try to prosecute the individual to the maximum sentence.

M. Lynch stated as Cmdr. Bettison pointed out, they are working hand in hand with the department and prosecutor's office on this.

DC Logan stated in the back of the room, they have copper wire samples and some guns that they have taken off the street.

Comm. Holley stated it was mentioned that the Northeastern District has reduced crime and theft. He asked to know one or several things that have attributed to the community's crime reduction.

DC Logan stated that violent crime is down in the entire City. He asked Cmdr. Hudson of the Western District to speak on this issue.

Cmdr. Hudson stated the leadership has a lot to do with this. They are encouraging and motivating the officers. They are also training their officers to be courteous and listen to the concerns and issues of the citizens.

Comm. Holley asked is the department still doing foot patrol.

Cmdr. Hudson stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez stated you mentioned talking to the citizens correctly...that is the key. Most of the complaints that OCI receives state the officer is not speaking to them with respect.

AC Dunlap stated to the Board that recently the department had some new recruits that graduated from the academy. The Chief will be putting those officers on foot patrol in the community.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the response time has been an issue, and how has it been reduced.

DC Logan stated one of the ways was to reduce violent crimes, because violent crimes take up a lot of the officers' time. AC Dunlap has requested that each district put a certain amount of cars on the street every day.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS Father Norman P. Thomas has been a devoted resident of the city of Detroit for more than 39 years. Upon his ordination as a Catholic Priest in 1955, he served in various Pastoral roles within the State of Michigan. Upon receiving his Masters Degree in Social Work from Wayne State University in 1965, he became the Director of the Urban Parish Apostolate and began coordinating peace and community efforts with other Detroit Parishes; and

WHEREAS Father Thomas has been an active member of the Businesses United with Officers and Youth, (B.U.O.Y.), serving faithfully since its organizational inception almost 40 years ago. He served on the B.U.O.Y. District until 2005, and then became the Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Detroit in 1968. Sacred Heart Church is the home of the largest African American Catholic congregation in the State of Michigan. In 2007, Father Thomas was appointed Pastor of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church as well; and

WHEREAS Father Thomas pastors two Parishes while serving the Northeastern District community, and is the Vice Chairperson of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance, Chairperson of the Urban Parish Coalition, as well as a participating member of the Interfaith Committee for Worker's Issues. He holds multiple Board Member affiliations that include the Wayne County Catholic Social Services, Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth Parishes and is the Leader of the Chene Providence Communities Development Corporations, which are instrumental in building and developing housing and businesses within the Chene Park corridor for low to moderate incomes; and

WHEREAS Father Thomas is instrumental in working with the homeless, the citizens of Detroit and the joining communities of the Northeastern District. He is highly revered as a friend and a true servant with a "Pastor's" heart. Father Thomas is a citizen who dutifully and passionately serves the city of Detroit, its youth and its citizens and has continued to be a light in the Northeastern District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the dedication and generosity of Father Norman P. Thomas. His exemplary and selfless service in improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the city of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Father Norman P. Thomas.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

/s/ Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

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| /s/ Willie Hampton Commissioner | ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 | /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II Commissioner |
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MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

AC Dunlap presented Father Norman with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

DC Logan presented the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

Father Thomas thanked everyone for recognizing him for this award. He also mentioned that they are doing several projects on McClellan and Gratiot and would like to see a sub-station there.

Comm. Holley asked Atty. Hooks can the Board request the Federal Government regarding the Consent Decree to come before them.

Atty. Hooks stated she believe that they can request the Monitor to appear.

Comm. Holley he would like to have their assessment of the Consent Decree.

Atty. Hooks stated that DC Fields is present and perhaps he can speak on this.

Comm. Holley asked DC Fields would it create a problem if he requested the Monitor to come before this Board.

DC Fields stated it is up to the Monitor if she chooses to appear, and yes you can request her.

AC Dunlap stated he is not sure on the answer for that.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that Atty. Hooks will look into this on the Board's behalf.

Comm. Holley asked DC Fields if he is suggesting that the Monitor may refuse his request.

DC Field stated yes, she could.

2. PUBLIC INFORMATION:QUARTERLY AWARDS

2nd DC Tate presented the Quarterly Awards for the period of October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

CIVILIAN

Sr. Tech Theresa Howze Records and Identification

PATROL OFFICERS

| | |
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| PO LaShawn Peoples | Central District |
| PO Darryl Chappell | Southwestern District |
| PO Christopher Neiman | Northeastern District |
| PO Joel Tomaszewski | Western District |
| P.O. Joseph Dabliz | Northwestern District |

INVESTIGATIVE OFFICERS

Sgt. Michael Carpenter Force Investigations

2nd DC Tate presented the Quarterly Awards for the period of January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007.

PATROL OFFICERS

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| PO Ronald Lach | Central District |
| PO Timothy Simon | Southwestern District |
| P.O. Ernie Harris | Eastern District |
| PO Gordon Davis | Northeastern District |
| PO Joel Tomaszewski | Western District |
| P.O. Leroy Huelsenbeck | Northwestern District |

INVESTIGATIVE OFFICERS

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| Sgt. Todd Eby | Investigative Operations (NW Dist.) |
| P.O. Karen Miller | Homicide |
| P.O. Anna Hamilton | Narcotics Enforcement |

8. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Ramirez stated that Dir. Ducker is continuing to work on some peer pressure groups for the police department.

Chairperson Holley asked to know the status of the secondary employment issue for Detroit Police.

AC Dunlap stated they go back in front of City Council in October 2007.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 20, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

P. Meisnitzer of AT&T stated that he brought brochures that deal with copper theft. When copper is stolen from the communication system, it cuts out all of the life-lines to other departments.

T. Simonetta stated that he has a business in the city of Detroit on East Grand Blvd. for years and that metal theft affects everyone and it also takes jobs away from the city.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb